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Isolation

Dear Harold,

Indeed, I did get your letter, & haven't answered it before now because I've been mentally ill with pneumonia. No bullshit — my fever just broke Thursday. The Doctor here claims it was pneumonia. That diagnosis suffices me as I was a hell of a sick mousch.

Now for some overdue news: I'm a trustee — in charge of the laundry room. Gotta stay here in jail another 2 years. Am going to be taking correspondance courses through Houston Community College, and vocational rehabilitation. Gotta go testify before a Federal Grand Jury in New Orleans but plan to take the 5th. — And am staying in isolation because I want to. Got a new case against me too — aggravated assault against a police officer (I hit ol Top Badge upside his head with a plate of grits;) — My parents are coming to Houston to yell at me some more, — and I had another birthday in here.

Is your mind blown yet? No? You're getting used to me then Harold. That ain't like you. That's O.K. — we got a long two years ahead of us. heh! heh!

I just got finished writing poor "hotshot" (my lawyer) a decent letter for a change. Poor dude, I really keep him busy especially since I now have nine cases against me. He's really going to earn his $250.00 fee off of me huh? He says I give him ulcers.

I've got a book for you to read. BEYOND FREEDOM AND DIGNITY, by B. F. SKINNER. If you haven't read it — do.

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